Risk of snow and ice continues

21 December 2010 - Wintry weather is expected to continue as Christmas approaches, with heavy snow in some areas potentially leading to further disruption to travel networks.

Snow is expected to affect parts of Wales and then into some central regions of England during tonight and through Wednesday, with the risk of up to 25cm of fresh snow in places.

Met Office Chief Forecaster, Tim Hewson said: "An area of snow is expected to develop as we head through tonight and tomorrow, although it is uncertain exactly which areas will see the heaviest snowfalls. Meanwhile, widespread ice and freezing temperatures will lead to slippery conditions on untreated roads and pavements over many parts of the UK."

The run up to Christmas and the big day itself are expected to see a respite from fresh snowfall. However, there will some severe frosts and freezing fog at night. While there will still be snow lying on Christmas Day, the day itself is expected to be dry and fine in most parts of the UK.

The public are advised to stay up to date with the latest weather forecasts and warnings (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035621mp_/http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_ on the web and television and should be prepared to change their weekend plans based on the weather forecast.

How to interpret Met Office Severe Weather Warnings (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035621mp_/http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/guide/colou

For travel advice you can visit:

Highways Agency (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035621mp_/http://www.highways.gov.uk)

Traffic Scotland (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035621mp_/http://trafficscotland.org/)

Traffic Wales (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035621mp_/http://www.traffic-wales.com/)

Trafficwatch Northern Ireland (https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20120404035621mp_/http://www.trafficwatchni.com/site/default.asp)

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